

Intellectual Property for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Activities

| For Sheridan Students

Sheridan's approach to IP in RIE



- Intellectual Property (IP) at Sheridan supports and encourages innovation and creativity.
- Created to set out Sheridan's position on the creation, ownership, protection and communication of IP and applies to all members of Sheridan and our external partners.
- The Generator Support Office plays a lead role in addressing IP matters in research, innovation and entrepreneurship.



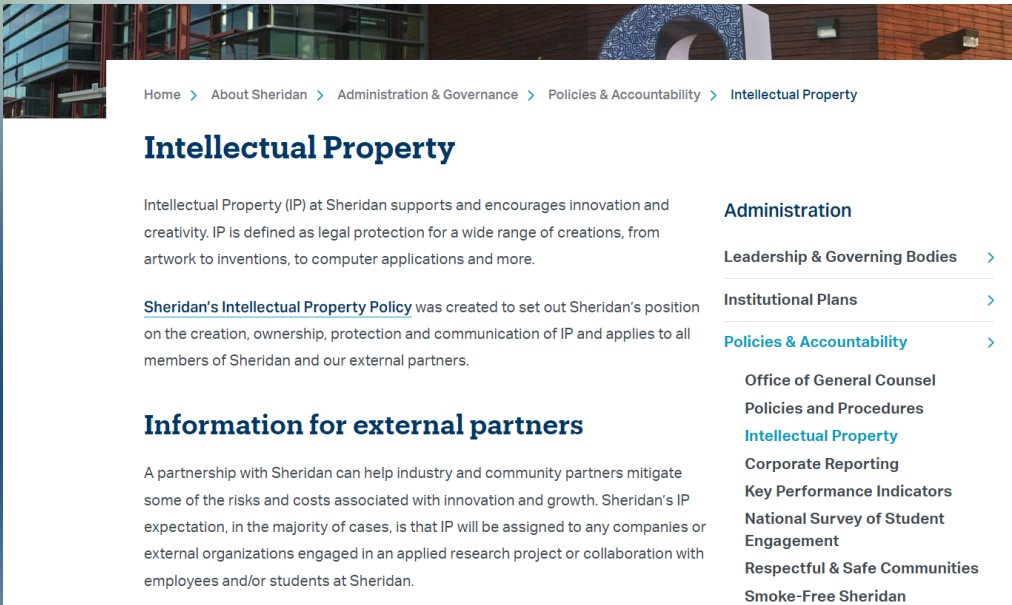
**What does Intellectual
Property mean?**

What is IP?



- IP is defined as legal protection for a wide range of creations, from artwork to inventions, to computer applications and more.
- May be protected through legal mechanisms like a patent or trademark.
- Encourage innovation by providing creators with exclusive right to prevent others from using or taking credit for their innovation.

IP at Sheridan



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Information for external partners

A partnership with Sheridan can help industry and community partners mitigate some of the risks and costs associated with innovation and growth. Sheridan's IP expectation, in the majority of cases, is that IP will be assigned to any companies or external organizations engaged in an applied research project or collaboration with employees and/or students at Sheridan.

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- IP is governed by Sheridan's Intellectual Property Policy.
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GENERATOR
at Sheridan

Why should IP matter to me?

- During your time at Sheridan, you will likely be involved in the creation of many original works through:

Regular Studies

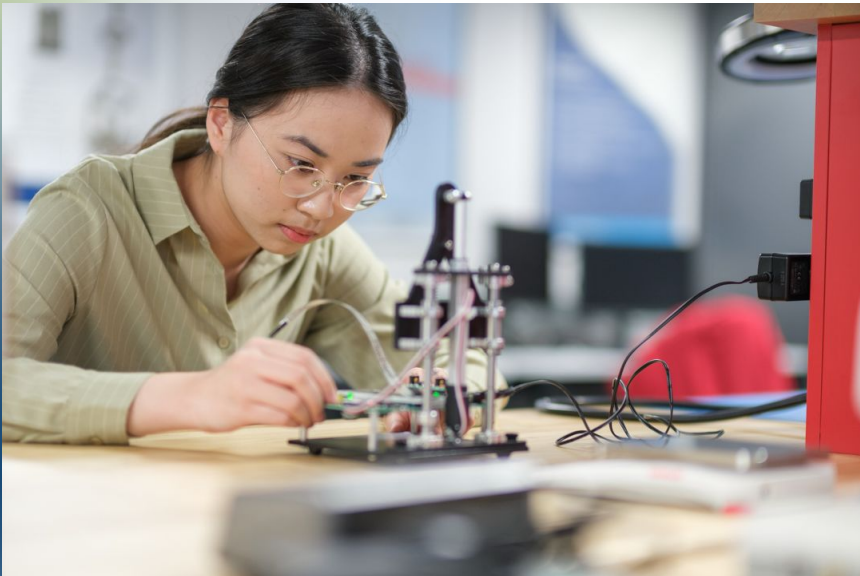
Capstone

Research Projects

Co-ops

As Paid Research Assistant

IP rights for students



- Sheridan's IP Policy states that any work you create or develop at Sheridan will be owned by you, unless you sign an agreement stating a different delineation of IP rights.
- Student IP can include:
 - Essays
 - Reports
 - Works of art
 - Video games
 - Prototypes
 - Computer code



It's important to remember that IP can be changed or waived through an agreement.

While you own your IP, Sheridan is granted a license to use Sheridan work for teaching and learning purposes, which includes quality assurance.

IP for students



- The IP Policy does not apply when an agreement is signed by students where the terms of the contract differ from Sheridan's IP Policy.
- Students participate in creative pursuits, capstones, and research, innovation and entrepreneurship projects, including those with industry or other external partners, where external partners typically own the IP.

Student projects



TIP:

Talk about IP as a group before you begin your project.

- Students own the IP for the research they produce for their class.
- In a group project, all members of the group have a right to the IP.
- How that IP is shared should be decided by agreement of all members of the team.

Student projects with industry and community partners



TIP:

If you don't wish to agree to the terms by an industry or community partner, you can choose a different project or partner.

- When an industry or community partner is involved in a research project, the industry or community partner will usually own the IP, including in capstone or other class project.
- Students may sign an agreement directly with the industry or community partner to set out the terms for IP.

Co-ops and internships



TIP:

IP arrangements should be described in a student's offer letter.

- When students participate in work placements that involve research, IP is typically owned by the employer.

Research hires



TIP:

The Generator Support Office will support student research assistants by ensuring the appropriate agreements are in place.

- For students hired as paid research personnel on funded projects at Sheridan, all IP, confidentiality, and publishing guidelines are captured on their student offer letters.

In summary

- Remember to discuss IP with your Professor or the Principal Investigator of a research project at the onset of the project.
- If an industry or community partner is involved, there needs to be legal documentation signed that specifies IP ownership.
- Connect with the Generator Support Office to ensure appropriate legal documentation is in place before you start your research:
generator@sheridancollege.ca.

Thank you.

Questions? Contact Intellectual Property at Sheridan:



**Visit the Sheridan College IP website.
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